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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR AMBASSADOR CUTLER IN KINSHASA -- ON HIS
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU

REF: TOSEC 30033

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SCHAUFELLE

1. FOR YOUR MEETING, YOU MAY TELL MOBUTU THAT NGUZA HAS
ALREADY EARNED HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMISSIONER. TEMPLESME WHO HAS BEEN ALONG ON MOST CALLS
CONFIRMS THAT 17-ODD SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN WITH WHOM
NGUZA HAS DISCUSSED ANGOLA AND ZAIRE (VIRTUALLY ALL THE
NAMES ON YOUR LIST AND A FEW I PROVIDED) WERE ALL VERY
IMPRESSED. WHILE FEW WOULD MODIFY THEIR POSITION ON
ANGOLA, ALL VOICED THEIR DETERMINATION TO HELP ZAIRE. THE
FACT THAT NGUZA APPARENTLY CONVINCED CONGRESSMAN PASSMAN
COULD BE TERMED THE APEX OF HIS LOBBYING EFFORT. INOUYE
IS UNFORTUNATELY OUT OF TOWN.

2. PRESIDENT FORD HAS BEEN ASKED TO SEE NGUZA AND SENEGALESE
AMBASSADOR COULBARY NEXT TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY TO RECEIVE
THE LETTERS FROM MOBUTU AND SENGHOR. THE SECRETARY HAS
ALSO ASKED TO MEET A SECOND TIME WITH NGUZA BEFORE THE
CALL ON THE PRESIDENT. IN THEIR FIRST 50 MINUTE MEETING

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ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, THE SECRETARY INFORMED NGUZA THAT

HE HOPED TO VIST ZAIRE AT THE END OF MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. HE UNDERScoreD THE HIGH PRIORITY WHICH THIS GOVERNMENT PLACES ON MAINTAINING ZAIRIAN SOVEREIGNTY UNIMPAIRED. AND IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ADVISED NGUZA THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAD MUCH WORK TO DO IN THE MEANTIME TO IDENTIFY ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID PROJECTS WHICH WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN ZAIRE IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA. HE DESCRIBED DISCUSSION OF SUCH PROJECTS AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL AIMS OF HIS VISIT TO ZAIRE. THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT AMIN MIGHT VISIT KINSHASA WHILE HE WAS THERE, SINCE HE CANNOT GO TO KAMPALA. NGUZA HAS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US THAT AN INVITATION WOULD GO OUT TO AMIN TO VISIT KINSHASA ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT, MORE OR LESS BY CHANCE WHILE THE SECRETARY IS IN TOWN (A GOOD TRICK IF THE ZAIRIANS CAN DO IT).

3. WE WILL SHORTLY PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE. BUT YOU MAY TELL PRESIDENT MOBUTU THAT THE CLIMATE OF OPINION HAS IMPROVED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF DOING SOMETHING FOR THE STATES NEIGHBORING ANGOLA. (FYI: MOBUTU SHOULD NOT YET BE OVERLY ENCOURAGED. BUT HE HAS SOME REASON FOR REASSURANCE. END FYI). KISSINGER

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